

### **New to CHMF? Have a Question or Prayer Request?**

If you are curious about being involved with Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship, have a question, or want to submit a prayer request - please use this form via the QR code or link – [bit.ly/3ti4Xfb](https://bit.ly/3ti4Xfb)



Our **website** has more information about our faith and worship, as well as previous sermons: [chapelhillmennonite.org](https://chapelhillmennonite.org)

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### **Membership and Church Practices:**

If you are interested in membership or if you have questions about church practices, please talk with our pastor or one of our deacons:

Ben Kreider, Pastor    316-281-5244    [ben@chapelhillmennonite.com](mailto:ben@chapelhillmennonite.com)

Thomas Lehman

Nick Plummer

Rebecca Rich

Kathy Roberts

### **Communication Information:**

For church-related communications, please subscribe to our **email list**.

To sign up, contact Nick Plummer: [nickplummer@gmail.com](mailto:nickplummer@gmail.com).

To contact **Children and Youth Pastor** Catherine Lee, email: [catherine@chapelhillmennonite.org](mailto:catherine@chapelhillmennonite.org).

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### **Affiliations:**

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship CHMF is a **member** of the following:

- Central District Conference ([mcusacdc.org](https://mcusacdc.org)), a regional conference of Mennonite Church USA ([mennoniteusa.org](https://mennoniteusa.org))
- NC Council of Churches, ([ncchurches.org](https://ncchurches.org)), a statewide ecumenical organization which promotes Christian unity and a more just society
- Supportive Communities Network ([bmclgbt.org/scn](https://bmclgbt.org/scn)), a network of Mennonite and Church of the Brethren communities that welcome and affirm full participation and leadership of LGBTQIA+ people

### **CHMF supports:**

- Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests ([bmclgbt.org](https://bmclgbt.org))
- Open Table Ministries ([opentableministry.org](https://opentableministry.org)) in Durham
- Interfaith Council (IFCWeb.org) in Chapel Hill

## **Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship**

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 17, 2023**



Worship Leader: Aspen Yordy

Song Leader: Xaris Martínez

Childcare: Tana Liu-Beers

## Gathering for Worship

Prelude Lee Brass Trio

Call to Worship: Aspen Yordy

***Our souls magnify the Lord!***

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

**The mighty One has done great things for us!**

Holy is God's name!

**Let us worship God.**

For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;

from generation to generation, God gives mercy.

Invocation

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle Peifer Plummers

Gathering hymns Xaris Martínez

VT# 205 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

VT# 412 "My Soul Cries Out" (v. 1 & 2)

Congregational Prayer Tom Lehman

## Proclaiming the Word

Special Music "Shepherds, Rejoice" Holiday Quintet

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Chris and Tana Liu-Beers

Children's Story Catherine Lee

\* VT# 222 "My Soul Proclaims with Wonder" (v. 1 & 3)

Luke 1:46-55 Alli Rudeen Kreider

Sermon "Magnifying the Mighty One" Ben Kreider

## Responding to the Word

VT# 790 "How Can We Be Silent" (v. 1, 3, & 5)

Congregational response, sharing and prayer Zach Yordy  
Introductions and Announcements

VT# 810 "Go, My Friends, In Grace"

Benediction

*\* Children who have not yet started kindergarten are welcome to meet at the entrance doors for childcare at this time.*

## December 31st

## Scriptures

Lead: Mary Jo Lehman Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Hymns: Tom Lehman Psalm 148

Prayer: Chris Liu-Beers Galatians 4:4-7

Sharing: Steve Jolley Luke 2:22-40

Preach: *Hymn Sing*

Snack: Mullaney

Childcare: Rebecca Rich & Sidney King

## Announcements

**Participate:** CHMF encourages any regular attendee to participate in the service. We have rotating worship planners, song leaders, preachers, prayer leaders, response/sharing leaders, scripture readers, and childcare volunteers. If you are interested in helping, sign up on the Worship Participant List or tell Pastor Ben. We would welcome your help.

**Benevolence Fund:** Our congregation has a mutual aid fund, administered by the deacons, to help with financial hardships. If you have a need, including for individual or family therapy services, please get in touch with a deacon. Personal requests are kept confidential.

**Tithes and Offerings:** We collect our offerings on the first Sunday of the month. After that, checks may be mailed to our treasurer, Steve Jolley.

## Calendar

**December 19** – Mennonite Day of Action for a Ceasefire

11:45 at 333 Fayetteville St, Raleigh

**December 24** – Joint Christmas Eve service with Church of Reconciliation